

HONORING SAMUEL T. NAGORNEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel T. Nagorney. Samuel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Samuel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Samuel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel T. Nagorney for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an incredible milestone. Thirty-nine years ago from this past Sunday, the Supreme Court of the United States guaranteed the women of this country our right to privacy. In handing down the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision, the justices of the Supreme Court affirmed the right for American women to keep medical decisions between women and their doctors.

This right was not easily won, and it has not come without four decades of fighting to protect it. And yet today, some are still trying to strip women of this right.

Many of those who seek to overturn *Roe* claim to be protecting life—but it's no secret that making abortion illegal won't end the problem of unplanned pregnancies in this country.

In fact, legal abortion keeps women more safe. In 1965, almost 20 percent of all maternal deaths were due to illegal abortion—and that's only what was reported.

So in looking ahead for 2012, I invite my anti-choice colleagues to consider this: instead of working against us by voting to defund title X programs for women who need them most, work with us in a shared goal of making abortion safe, legal, and rare. That is what the pro-choice movement stands for.

I was 6 years old when *Roe v. Wade* was handed down, and never in my life have I felt that my rights were threatened like I do now.

Last year alone, 69 laws containing 92 anti-abortion provisions were enacted in 24 states—and my home State of Florida was unfortunately responsible for several of them.

But the problem isn't only at the State level—last year, the Republican majority in the House took up a slew of bills that tried to do everything from defund Planned Parenthood, a

crucial title X provider in our country, to redefine rape to say that if the victim was mentally unable to consent, then it didn't really count as forcible rape.

These bills are insulting and dangerous to women's health and wellbeing, something that we as Members of Congress should be working together to protect.

In this spirit, I remind my anti-choice colleagues that the concern for human life and dignity cannot end at birth. So, it is my sincere hope that in the budget bills we will soon take up, all Members work to pass a budget that holds women and children harmless, placing important programs like title X family planning, Head Start, and Maternal and Child Block Grants at the top of the priority list. In these trying financial times, we cannot afford to balance our budget on the backs of women and children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to note this anniversary with the gravity it deserves, as well as the energy it will require to work to ensure that next year at this time, we are once again commemorating this crucial right as protected by the Supreme Court, and not lamenting yet another year in which this right has been assailed. Women's lives depend on it!

HONORING BLAKE TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Blake Taylor. Blake is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 354, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Blake has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Blake has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Blake has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Blake Taylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHAEL BOZICK TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Mr. Michael Bozick, a highly respected and honorable community leader in the district which I have the honor of representing in Congress.

I am deeply grateful for the contributions Mr. Bozick has made to our desert community, and on behalf of the people I represent, I ex-

tend sincere appreciation for all he has done to enhance our local economy and improve the lives of area residents. Mike Bozick has made a difference because of his passion for serving the community, his achievements in industry, and his love of our region. In particular, he has helped countless young people through his support of the Coachella Valley Boys & Girls Club, along with numerous other worthwhile charitable organizations and causes.

A generous and devoted family man, Mike Bozick's story is the embodiment of the American dream. Born to a Yugoslavian immigrant family in Masontown, Pennsylvania, he moved to Southern California as a young man. After graduating summa cum laude from the University of Southern California, Mike began working in the table grape industry in the mid-1960s, assisting his family with operations at Richard Bagdasarian, Inc., a table grape production company based in California's Coachella Valley. It was during this period that Bozick's passion for the grape industry grew, and he soon developed into an effective and highly regarded leader within the agricultural industry.

Mike Bozick recently completed his 39th year of service as a California Table Grape Commission Board Member, an organization which strives to maintain and expand current markets to new and larger markets for fresh California grapes, both domestically and internationally. As Chairman of the Board, Mike has introduced new and innovative ideas, such as promoting table grapes from all of the commission districts, a rarity in the past since many districts have overlapping markets. His ideas certainly paid off. By 2010, national sales of California table grapes grew to a shipment of 98 million boxes per year—a substantial increase from 20 million in the 1960s. As someone who is deeply committed to the growth of our local economy and the creation of jobs in our region, it is very gratifying to see the expansion and growing popularity of one of our most prized and valued industries, due in large part to Mike's perseverance, passion and dedication.

While Mike has made many contributions to the table grape industry, it is his hard work, entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering generosity that impresses me most. He is the fulfillment of the all-American notion that hard work and dedication pay off, and he has used his success to benefit others and provide an example for young people everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commending Michael Bozick for his exemplary record of service and contributions to the people of the Coachella Valley, the California Table Grape Commission, the greater table grape industry, and in sending best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING MATTHEW WILKS

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Wilks. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the